

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

OCA FILE

HJUD

REPT #

OCA 86-4076

15 DEC 1986

The Honorable Don Edwards
Chairman
Subcommittee on Civil and
Constitutional Rights
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Director Casey has asked me to respond to your letter of 5 November concerning the Central Intelligence Agency's interest in recruiting individuals with police or investigative skills.

While it is true that currently the Agency is interested in applicants who have investigative skills, particularly those which could be of assistance to United States Government's efforts to combat international terrorism, published reports have left a highly exaggerated impression of the scope of this effort.

I cannot, of course, discuss the specifics of the program (including hiring goals) in a communication of this nature. I can say, though, that it is very unlikely we would be hiring more than a few individuals from any one jurisdiction. Although the Agency believes that willing individuals should be able to avail themselves of the opportunity to serve their country in this fashion if they so choose, we are sensitive to the concerns of law enforcement agencies. This modest hiring program should not have any negative impact on these agencies' ability to meet their responsibilities. It will, however, mean a great deal to the Agency generally and to the United States Government's anti-terrorism effort.

Like any new employee, these individuals would serve the Agency wherever their skills could be most suitably employed, perhaps in the analytical field, perhaps in the operational field. While it is possible to train existing Agency

personnel, we believe it is more economical and efficient to take people already possessing the necessary skills and train them in the intelligence profession as we do with many other disciplines (e.g., engineers, physicists, linguists, etc.).

Although we anticipate that most (if not all) individuals will apply to be, and will be hired as, permanent Agency employees, a few may be accepted on temporary detail basis (with benefits in both instances provided accordingly). All hirees, however, will be employed directly by the Agency: while in Agency employment, there will be no working relationship with their former organization.

As with all Agency employees, these individuals will be instructed in the laws of the United States which govern intelligence activities and will be expected to adhere strictly to them in the performance of their duties. These laws include the prohibition, in Section 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947, against Agency exercise of domestic law enforcement responsibilities.

We believe that the opportunity for these individuals to broaden themselves professionally through Agency employment will be of benefit to them as well as our country.

I trust this responds to the concerns you expressed.

Sincerely,

/s/ David D. Gries

David D. Gries
Director of Congressional Affairs

OCA 86-4076

Letter, Gries to Rep. Don Edwards on Police Recruiting

STAT D/OP/RWMagee/sla/28 Nov 86:OCA/LEG [redacted] cbt/11 Dec 86

Distribution:

Orig. - Addressee

1 - ER (86-5089)

1 - DDA

1 - DDO

1 - D/OCA

1 - PAO

1 - D/OP

1 - DD/E

1 - OP [redacted]

1 - Senate Liaison [redacted]

1 - OGC [redacted]

1 - OCA Registry

1 - OCA/LEG/Subject File: Miscellaneous Personnel

STAT
STAT
STAT

U. COUNSEL
M. BLAINE MELKE
STAFF DIRECTOR
ARTHUR P. ENDRES, JR.
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL
ALAN F. COPPEY, JR.

PETER W. RODINO, JR., NEW JERSEY, CHAIRMAN

JACK BROOKS, TEXAS
ROBERT W. KASTENMEIER, WISCONSIN
DON EDWARDS, CALIFORNIA
JOHN CONYERS, JR., MICHIGAN
JOHN F. SEIBERLING, OHIO
ROMANO L. MAZZOLI, KENTUCKY
WILLIAM J. HUGHES, NEW JERSEY
MIKE SYNAR, OKLAHOMA
PATRICIA SCHROEDER, COLORADO
DAN GLICKMAN, KANSAS
BARNEY FRANK, MASSACHUSETTS
GEO. W. CROCKETT, JR., MICHIGAN
CHARLES E. SCHUMER, NEW YORK
BRUCE A. MORRISON, CONNECTICUT
EDWARD P. FEIGHAN, OHIO
LAWRENCE J. SMITH, FLORIDA
HOWARD L. BERNAN, CALIFORNIA
RICK BOUCHER, VIRGINIA
MARLEY O. STAGGERS, JR., WEST VIRGINIA
JOHN BRYANT, TEXAS

HAMILTON FISH, JR., NEW YORK
CARLOS J. MOORHEAD, CALIFORNIA
HENRY J. HYDE, ILLINOIS
THOMAS H. KINOWESS, OHIO
DAN LUNGREN, CALIFORNIA
F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR., WISCONSIN
BILL McCOLLUM, FLORIDA
E. CLAY SHAW, JR., FLORIDA
GEORGE W. GEEKS, PENNSYLVANIA
MICHAEL DOWNE, OHIO
WILLIAM E. DANHEMEYER, CALIFORNIA
HANK BROWN, COLORADO
PATRICK L. SWINDALL, GEORGIA
HOWARD COBLE, NORTH CAROLINA

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20515-6216
Telephone: 202-225-3951

November 5, 1986

5089x

The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Director Casey:

The CIA's recruitment of metropolitan police undercover officers raises several concerns.

First, I, like Los Angeles Police Chief Darryl Gates, am troubled by the impact this transfer of resources will have on our big city police departments. At a time when most urban mayors are clamoring for more resources for law enforcement and for federal assistance in the fight against drugs, it seems to me we can ill afford to lose even one experienced police officer, particularly to an agency with significant resources of its own.

Second, I am concerned about the effect this experience could have on the police officers participating in the program. I have always opposed the use of CIA agents in this country on the ground that the agency's mission is intelligence gathering and not law enforcement. CIA agents, unlike the FBI or state and local police, are not -- nor do they need to be -- trained in the niceties of constitutional law and criminal procedure. They operate unconstrained by the laws of the host country and of the United States. This lack of constraint is not a tradition that you or I would want to inculcate in our own police.

So that I may better understand this program and in order to alleviate my concerns, I would appreciate your providing me with answers to these questions:

How many police officers does the CIA plan to hire in the next year? At what cost to the CIA?

What functions will these individuals be performing? Why are CIA personnel unable or unavailable to perform these functions? If these functions are essential to the CIA's mission, why not train existing CIA personnel to perform them or hire new personnel for those purposes?

The Honorable William J. Casey
November 5, 1986
Page Two

How long will the police recruits remain with the CIA? What training will they receive? Will they return to their previous positions following their tour of duty with the CIA?

How will they and/or their respective departments be reimbursed? Will their families (if any) be relocated? At whose expense?

I appreciate your prompt response to my inquiry.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Don Edwards
Chairman
Subcommittee on Civil and
Constitutional Rights

DE:cld